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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction or Election Requirement in the Office Action dated 01/03/03. In that Office Action, restriction was required to one of two stated

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Claims necessarily use the product and vice versa. The field of search must necessarily cover both the method class/subclass 438/123 and products class 257/676 in addition to other related Classes and subclasses to provide a complete and adequate search. The fields of search for the Group I and Group II inventions are clearly and necessarily co-extensive. The Examiner's suggestion that "In the instant case unpatentability of the Group I invention would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the Group II invention, since the device of the Group I invention could be made by processes materially different from those of the Group II invention. For example, the interface, as claimed in claim 1, does not need a mold compound as being recited in method claim 11", is very speculative and really has nothing to do with the Claims as presented in this Patent Application. Further, it is respectfully suggested that these reasons are insufficient to place the additional cost of a second Patent Application upon the Applicants. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this restriction requirement for these reasons.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and the Allowance of the present Patent Application is requested.

Sincerely,



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